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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA: ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS SUGGESTED REFTEL. WE BELIEVE ANKARA DRAFTS ARE
SOMEWHAT LONGER AND MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN SEEMS APPROPRIATE
OR NECESSARY. FOLLOWING ARE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED RE-
DRAFTS:

2. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

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BEGIN TEXT: I AM DELIGHTED TO RETURN TO TURKEY FOR A
VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF MY FRIEND, PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT. I AM PLEASED THAT MY PRESENCE IN THE AREA, AND
THE PRIME MINISTER'S KIND INVITATION, HAVE PROVIDED AN
EARLY OPPORTUNITY -- AT THE START OF THIS NEW GOVERNMENT --
TO REVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AND WITH FOREIGN MINIS-
TER OKCUN, A BROAD RANGE OF WORLD PROBLEMS AND ISSUES THAT

OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY AND OUR CONTINUED ALLIANCE. WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, A COMMITMENT THAT YOUR COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED IN THE SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POLITICAL POWER HERE IN THE PAST WEEKS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOLLOWED THOSE EVENTS WITH GREAT INTEREST AND ADMIRATION.

OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT PROBLEMS, BUT WE APPROACH THOSE DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A LONG-STANDING AND GENUINE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, I HOPE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT AND TO BENEFIT FROM THE VIEWS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE RANGE OF WORLD ISSUES WE FACE. AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT TO CONVEY THE THINKING OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND MY GOVERNMENT ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO US BOTH.

ONCE AGAIN, LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS INVITATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS. END TEXT.

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3. SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: THIS HAS BEEN A BRIEF VISIT, BUT A USEFUL ONE. I CAME HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES IMPORTANT TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. THE MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD HAVE BEEN VERY VALUABLE TO ME AND I HOPE ALSO TO THEM.

AMONG THE ISSUES THAT WE DISCUSSED WAS THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THOSE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN A VERY GENERAL CONTEXT AND I WAS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN HEARING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON THE MATTER. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WILL PRESS FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ARE INDEED VERY WELCOME.

WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH INVOLVE
THE COUNTRIES OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN HAVE DEVELOPED
OVER MANY YEARS; WE CANNOT EXPECT THAT THEY WILL BE RE-
SOLVED OVERNIGHT. BUT I LEAVE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT I HAVE

LEARNED. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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